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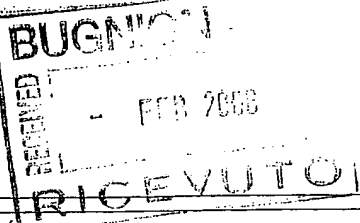
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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING INFORMAL
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(PCT Rule 66.6)

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An informal communication took place on 27.01.2006, between the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the applicant / the agent.

Invitation pursuant to Rules 66.2 c), 66.3 and 66.4 of the PCT

Further examination of the international application has revealed that the application fails to meet the requirements of the PCT and the Regulations as explained in the attached note (Form PCT/IPEA/428).

The Applicant is hereby **invited**, within the time limit indicated above, **to submit a written reply** accompanied by amendments.

If no reply is submitted, the international preliminary examination report will reflect the opinion expressed by this Authority.

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Note on an informal communication by telephone with the Applicant

Transmittal of a copy of this note with a time limit of **14 day(s)**

Participants

Representative: Ing. E. Bianciardi

Examiner(s): Marzano Monterosso,

Summary of the communication

The amendments filed with letter of 28.07.2005 have been objected to with respect to Art. 34.2(b) PCT since they are considered to extend beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.

A way of overcoming the above mentioned objection, together with the clarity objection (Art. 6 PCT) pointed out in the written opinion, has been discussed: the terms "directed" on line 5 and "divided" on line 7 of claim 1 should be replaced by the terms "directable" and "dividable" respectively. A time limit of 14 days for filing amended claims has been agreed upon together with the Representative, in consideration of the fact that the time limit for entering the regional phase is approaching.



27.01.2006

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